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QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

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CO-WORKERS, LADIES, AND GENTLEMEN. AS OUR CHAIRMAN HAS ALREADY EXPLAINED, THIS IS THE TIME OF MONTH TO ASK YOUR QUESTIONS OF AN INTEREST TO YOU OF A GENERAL NATURE. SO, IF YOU WILL BE SO KIND AS TO RAISE YOUR HAND WITH YOUR QUESTIONS, I WILL INDEED BE GRATEFUL TO SHARE WITH YOU THE ANSWERS THAT I RECEIVE.

QUESTION: GOOD MORNING, MR. GOODWIN. A LADY IN CONNECTICUT ASKS THESE QUESTIONS: "HOW DOES ONE PROTECT ONESELF FROM BEING INFLUENCED OR POSSESSED BY DIABOLICAL FORCES? HOW DOES ONE RECOGNIZE THESE ELEMENTS FOR WHAT THEY ARE? IS USAGE OF THE TAROT CARDS A HEALTHY MEANS OF EXPANDING ONE'S UNDERSTANDING, OR IS THIS TOOL DANGEROUS? WHY?"

ANSWER: THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR THOSE THREE QUESTIONS PRESENTED, AND SO, WE WILL TAKE THE FIRST QUESTION WHICH IS SO-CALLED DIABOLICAL FORCES. HARMONY IS THE LAW OF EVOLUTION. THAT WHICH DENIES ITS SOURCE IS DISCORDANT, AND IS KNOWN TO MAN BY MANY NAMES -- DISEASE, DETRIMENTAL, AND DIABOLICAL. IN REFERENCE TO THE RECOGNITION, ONE FINDS THE ANSWER TO ALL QUESTIONS WITHIN THE CONSCIOUSNESS FOR IT IS OUR CONSCIOUSNESS THAT IS GOD. AND THERE IS NO FORM ON THIS PLANET, ANY PLANET, ANY UNIVERSE, THAT CONSCIOUSNESS IS NOT SUSTAINING. WHEN WE FIRST MAKE THE EFFORT TO RECOGNIZE WITHIN OUR SELF THAT SIMPLE DEMONSTRABLE TRUTH, THEN WE

WILL BECOME QUALIFIED TO ACCEPT WHAT FIRST WE RECOGNIZE.

IN REFERENCE TO SO-CALLED TAROT CARDS, WE MUST ASK OURSELVES THE QUESTION HONESTLY, SIMPLY AND CLEARLY, "IS A PHYSICIAN, WHO IS YET UNABLE TO CURE HIMSELF, AN INSTRUMENT THROUGH WHICH THE CURES WE SEEK CAN BE MADE MANIFEST?" I AM A FIRM BELIEVER OF DEMONSTRATING UNTO ONESELF FIRST, FOR NOT TO MAKE THAT EFFORT IS TO SUPPORT THE ERROR AND THE IGNORANCE OF SO-CALLED HYPOCRISY. ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE. IT IS OUR DENIALS OF POSSIBILITIES THAT PLACE US UNDER THE LAW OF A MENTAL WORLD. AND A MENTAL WORLD, BEING A WORLD OF FORM, WHICH OF COURSE IS A WORLD OF LIMIT, PLACES US, THROUGH OUR ERROR OF IGNORANCE, INTO WHAT IS CALLED THE BONDAGE OF CREATION. WHEREAS IT IS POSSIBLE FOR MAN TO DEMONSTRATE UNTO HIMSELF THAT WHICH IS YET TO BE TO THE MIND, FOR MAN IS NOT THE MIND, HE USES THE MIND, THEREFORE, IT IS NOT NECESSARY, NOR IS IT ADVISABLE TO USE A CRUTCH TO AWAKEN TO THE SIMPLE TRUTH THAT IS WITHIN US. THERE IS NOTHING IN THE CARDBOARD OF A TAROT CARD. THERE IS NOTHING IN THE CRYSTAL OF A CRYSTAL. THERE IS NOTHING IN THE RABBIT'S FOOT. IT IS IN OUR OWN JUDGMENTS THAT WE NEED THESE SO-CALLED CRUTCHES. IF WE JUDGE THAT WE ARE MORE RECEPTIVE TO CERTAIN VIBRATIONS IN THE UNIVERSE WHEN WE CARRY THE RABBIT'S FOOT, THE POWER THAT FLOWS THROUGH US IS LIMITED TO THE JUDGMENT THAT WE HAVE MADE IN OUR ERROR OF IGNORANCE. TO DEPEND UPON FORM FOR TRUTH IS TO DENY THE VERY LAW THROUGH WHICH TRUTH MAY FLOW CLEARLY AND UNOBSTRUCTED, FOR WE PLACE BEFORE THAT WHICH IS THAT WHICH IS NOT. FOR CREATION AND TS LAW OF DUALITY IS CONCEIVED BY THE MINDS OF MEN IDENTIFYING WITH A MENTAL WORLD. IT IS NOT PERCEIVED BY THE DIVINE FORMLESS FREE SPIRIT WHICH WE TRULY ARE. I DO HOPE THAT'S HELPED WITH YOUR QUESTION.

QUESTION: YES, WOULD YOU PLEASE CLARIFY THE

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TERMS FACULTY, FUNCTION, AND THE SIGNIFICANCE OF TRIUNE?

ANSWER:IN REFERENCE TO YOUR QUESTION OF DEFINING SOUL FACULTIES AND SENSE FUNCTIONS, WE FIRST MUST CONSIDER BEFORE WE CAN UNDERSTAND, LET ALONE ACCEPT, THAT WHICH WE ARE AWARE OF. REMEMBER, MY FRIENDS, OUR AWARENESS IS EVER DEPENDENT UPON OUR OWN ACCEPTANCE OF POSSIBILITY, FOR MAN CANNOT IDENTIFY WITH THAT THAT THE MIND DOES NOT FIRST ENTERTAIN THE POSSIBILITY OF. MANY PHILOSOPHIES HAVE TAUGHT THAT TO GOD ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE. WHEN THAT THOUGHT ENTERS OUR HUMAN MIND, THE CO-CALLED DEFENSE MECHANISMS KNOWN AS JUDGMENT, ALWAYS BASED UPON THAT WHICH HAS BEEN, FOR IT IS NOT POSSIBLE FOR THE HUMAN MIND TO JUDGE WITHOUT THE FOUNDATION OF THAT WHICH HAS PASSED. FOR THAT WHICH HAS PASSED IS AN INDISPENSABLE INGREDIENT TO FORMING A JUDGMENT BY ANY MIND. SO WHEN MAN, LOOKING AT THE POSSIBILITY OF CHANGE -- THE DEMONSTRABLE ETERNAL LAW OF THE EVOLUTION OF FORM -- HE STRUGGLES BECAUSE HE LIMITS BECAUSE HIS ATTACHMENT IS TO THAT WHICH HAS BEEN, NOT TO THAT WHICH IS. TO BRING ABOUT A TRANSFORMATION OF THAT WHICH IS YET TO BE, WE MUST FIRST LET GO OF THAT WHICH WE THINK HAS BEEN IN ORDER THAT WE MAY ENTER THE REALM OF ETERNITY, WHICH IS EVER THE MOMENT OF WHICH WE ARE CONSCIOUS OF. THEREFORE, THIS PROCESS KNOWN TO THE MINDS OF MEN AS JUDGMENT IS THE BONDAGE OF A MENTAL WORLD. A WISE MAN, ONCE BECOMING AWARE OF THAT SIMPLE PROCESS, CHOOSES CAREFULLY THAT WHICH HE IDENTIFIES WITH. FOR THE LAW IS DEMONSTRABLY CLEAR IN ALL THINGS -- WE SHALL BECOME THAT WHICH WE IDENTIFY WITH, BE EVER IN KEEPING WITH THE DEMONSTRABLE LAW THAT LIKE ATTRACTS LIKE AND BECOMES THE LAW OF ATTACHMENT.

YOU CANNOT HAVE TRUTH, OF WHICH FREEDOM IS AN INDISPENSABLE INGREDIENT, AS LONG AS YOU

HAVE ATTACHMENT OR FORM. THEREFORE, TRUTH, NOT BEING INDIVIDUAL, IS INDIVIDUALLY CONCEIVED BY THE MINDS OF MEN. TRUTH IS. OUR SOUL PERCEIVES IT. WHEN IT ENTERS THE DUAL LAW OF A MENTAL WORLD, THEN IT CONCEIVES IT. THEREFORE, ONE MAN SPEAKS HIS TRUTH TO ANOTHER, INDEED IT IS FALSE, EVER DEPENDENT UPON WHAT JUDGMENTS, WHAT BONDAGE OF THE MOMENT IS IN CONTROL.

I KNOW IT SEEMS TO TAKE A LONG TIME TO ANSWER YOUR QUESTION BUT WE MUST FIRST CONSIDER THE BASIS UPON WHICH YOUR QUESTION HAS BEEN FORMED. NOW, WE UNDERSTAND IN THIS, THE LIVING LIGHT PHILOSOPHY, THAT THE SOUL EXPRESSES THROUGH WHAT IS CALLED TRIUNE (THREE) SOUL FACULTIES, SUCH AS DUTY, GRATITUDE AND TOLERANCE, FOR DUTY IS INSEPARABLE FROM TOLERANCE, TOLERANCE IS INSEPARABLE FROM GRATITUDE, AND SO IT IS WITH A TRIUNE SOUL FACULTY. THE EXPRESSIONS OF THE MENTAL WORLD OF WHICH WE HAVE CHOSEN, FORTUNATELY OR UNFORTUNATELY, DEPENDING ON HOW YOU VIEW YOUR OWN EVOLUTION, IN WHICH WE HAVE CHOSEN TO OVER-IDENTIFY WITH THE EXPRESSION OF THAT MENTAL BODY, IS KNOWN AS THE EXPRESSION OF THE SENSE FUNCTIONS.

THE TEACHING OF THIS PHILOSOPHY IS NOT TO ANNIHILATE THAT WHICH IS BUT TO UNDERSTAND THE PURPOSE FOR WHICH IT HAS BEEN DESIGNED. ALL THINGS, WHETHER OR NOT THEY ARE FACULTIES OF OUR SOULS OR FUNCTIONS OF OUR SENSE-BODY, ARE DESIGNED TO SERVE A USEFUL PURPOSE THAT THE DIVINE INFINITE FORMLESS FREE SPIRIT MAY EXPRESS ON THE PLANET AND IN THE REALM OF CONSCIOUSNESS FROM WHENCE A FORM HAS BEEN CREATED. MAN BELIEVES HE IS BORN. AND MAN BELIEVES HE DIES. THE ERROR IS THE OVER-IDENTIFICATION WITH THE VEHICLE OR FORM IN WHICH HE IS AT THIS MOMENT EXPRESSING.IT IS THE BELIEF WHICH DIES. IT IS THE BELIEF WHICH IS BORN. AS THOUGHTS ARE BORN, AND BEING FORM, THEY DIE, SO IT IS WITH THE FORM OF ALL FORMS

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YOU IDENTIFY WITH. WE ARE NOT THE FORM, BUT OUR ERROR IN THOUGHT CAUSES US TO BELIEVE THAT WE ARE.

AS A LITTLE CHILD GROWING UP SLOWLY BUT SURELY VIEWS THE CHANGING IN HIS OR HER FORM, SO THERE IS A GRADUAL, SLOW BUT SURE, ADJUSTMENT TAKING PLACE WITHIN THE MENTAL WORLD OF THE CHILD. THEN WE ENTER A FORM, A GROWTH PROCESS, IN WHICH WE JUDGE IS WHAT IS KNOWN AS THE PRIME OF LIFE. AND THERE, FROM OUR JUDGMENTS, FROM OUR ERROR IN OUR THINKING, WE CHOOSE TO REMAIN. BECAUSE OF OUR OVER-IDENTIFICATION WITH THE FORM, WITH THE JUDGMENT, WE STRUGGLE. AND WE DO EVERYTHING WITHIN OUR POWER TO SUSTAIN AND TO MAINTAIN THAT SO-CALLED IMAGE KNOWN TO THE MINDS OF MEN AS THE PRIME OF LIFE. THEREFORE, WE DO NOT EVOLVE WITH DIGNITY. WE DO NOT EVOLVE WITH THE FACULTIES OF GRACIOUSNESS. AND WE CERTAINLY DO NOT EXPERIENCE HARMONY, WHICH IS NOT ONLY THE LAW OF EVOLUTION, BUT IS WHAT MAN CALLS HEALTH. THOSE ARE THE STRUGGLES, BECAUSE OF AN IMBALANCE BETWEEN THE ATTRIBUTES OF OUR SOUL AND THE FUNCTIONS OF OUR SENSE AND MENTAL BODY. I DO HOPE THAT'S HELPED WITH YOUR QUESTION.

QUESTION: IS IT RIGHT FOR A YOUNG MAN TO JOIN THE AMERICAN ARMY?

ANSWER: THAT ENTIRELY DEPENDS UPON THE RESPONSIBILITIES THAT THE YOUNG MAN, IN HIS DESIRE AND CHOICE, HAS TO JOIN ANY ARMY. WE MUST CONSIDER THE DIVINE DEMONSTRABLE LAW OF EVOLUTION. WE MUST CONSIDER THE MOTIVATION IN THE MIND OF THE YOUNG MAN. IS THE LESSON THEY ARE CHOOSING, IS IT FOR THEM NECESSARY FOR THEIR EVOLUTION, FOR THEIR TRUTH, AND FOR THEIR FREEDOM? NOW, EVERY YOUNG MAN MAKES A CHOICE TO JOIN AN ARMY, ANY ARMY. AND THAT IS CONTRARY TO THE BELIEFS OF THE PARENTS, TO THOSE WHO HAVE REARED THE YOUNG MAN. THEN IT IS TIME FOR AN UNDERSTANDING, NOT ONLY OF THE DESIRE OF THE

CHILD, THE YOUNG MAN, BUT AN UNDERSTANDING OF THE DESIRES, OF COURSE, OF THE PARENTS. WE VIEW THE WORLD, AND WE VIEW THE ARMIES OF THE WORLD WITH DIFFERENT AND DIFFERING UNDERSTANDING. IF THE EXPERIENCE IS NECESSARY, TRULY NECESSARY, FOR THE FREEDOM, THE TRUTH, THE GROWTH, THE UNDERSTANDING, THE PEACE, THE HARMONY, THE JOY, AND THE ABUNDANT GOOD OF THE YOUNG MAN, NO ONE WHO LOVES THE PERSON WOULD DENY THEM THEIR CHOICE. HOWEVER, FIRST THE EFFORT MUST BE MADE TO UNDERSTAND WHAT HAS PROMPTED THE DESIRE. FOR WE DO KNOW THAT DESIRE IS THE EXPRESSION OF THE DIVINE. IT BECOMES DETRIMENTAL OR BENEFICIAL, DEPENDENT UPON THE MINDS OF MEN AS THEY STEAL IT FROM THE DIVINE, TO DICTATE TO THE DIVINE WHEN, IF, HOW, AND WHY IT SHOULD BE FULFILLED. THEREFORE, I DO HOPE THAT'S HELPED WITH YOUR QUESTION. IF IT HASN'T, YOU'RE FREE TO SPEAK.

QUESTION: I WOULD LIKE FOR YOU TO EXPLAIN SELFLESS SERVICE AND WHEN IT BECOMES MENTAL -- WHEN IT'S COMING FROM A MENTAL POINT OF VIEW, AND WHEN IT'S COMING FROM A SPIRITUAL POINT OF VIEW.

ANSWER: THANK YOU VERY MUCH. SELFLESS SERVICE. SERVICE LESS THE SELF CAN NEVER, OF COURSE, COME FROM A MENTAL REALM, FOR THE MENTAL REALM IS A REALM OF FORM AND THEREFORE A REALM OF SELF. TO DISTINGUISH BETWEEN SELFLESS SERVICE AND "SELFISH" OR "SERVICE OF THE SELF," ALL WE HAVE TO DO IS TO PAUSE IN CONSCIOUSNESS WHEN WE HAVE BY THE DIVINE DEMONSTRABLE LAW MERITED THE EXPERIENCE, THE OPPORTUNITY, TO SERVE. IF IN THE MOMENT OF THE OPPORTUNITY, OUR MENTAL PROCESS BECOMES ACTIVE AND WE PLACE THE OPPORTUNITY AT THE CONVENIENCE OF THE SELF, THEN FORGET SELFLESS SERVICE, SERVICE LESS THE SELF, AND FACE THE HONESTY WHICH WILL FREE US, AND ADMIT THE SIMPLE TRUTH, "BECAUSE I SERVE AT THE CONVENIENCE OF MY MIND, I SERVE MY MIND, I SERVE NOTHING ELSE." THEN WE WILL NOT BE CONCERNED FOR WE WILL KNOW, AND WE

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GOOD EVENING, STUDENTS. THIS EVENING WE WILL TAKE A FEW MOMENTS IN DISCUSSION OF TWO OF THE BASIC TEACHINGS OF THIS PHILOSOPHY -- ONE BEING, "MAN'S LIMITATIONS ARE REVELATIONS OF HIS IGNORANCE," AND THE OTHER BEING, "WE ALWAYS GET WHAT WE REALLY WANT." IN LIFE'S EXPERIENCES, MOMENT BY MOMENT, WE ARE USUALLY CONTROLLED BY WHAT IS KNOWN AS THE MAGNETIC FIELD OF OUR OWN SUBCONSCIOUS MIND, AND THAT CONTROL, OF COURSE, GOVERNS AND DICTATES THE EXPERIENCES THAT WE ARE GOING TO HAVE AT ANY GIVEN MOMENT, UNTIL SUCH A TIME AS WE BECOME AWARE OF WHAT THOSE PATTERNS ARE, AND WE MAKE THE DECISION TO CHANGE THEM. AND SO IT IS AS WE HAVE OFTEN DISCUSSED, THAT LIFE IS THE LIMIT OF ONE'S EXPERIENCE. SO WE SEE THAT OUR ACCEPTANCE, GOVERNED AND CONTROLLED BY THE PATTERNS OF PAST EXPERIENCES, IS NOT ONLY VERY LIMITED, BUT IT IN TRUTH IS THE VERY THING THAT KEEPS US FROM PROGRESSING AND FROM ENJOYING A LIFE OF FULFILLMENT. THIS COMPUTERED BRAIN OF THE SUBCONSCIOUS, KNOWN AS THE MAGNETIC FIELD, NOT ONLY CONTROLS OUR LIFE THIS MOMENT, IT HAS CONTROLLED OUR LIFE FOR ALL OF THE YEARS THAT WE HAVE BEEN ON THE EARTH PLANET, AND IT CONTROLLED OUR LIFE FOR THE EXPERIENCES PRIOR. IT CERTAINLY IS NOT THE EASIEST THING IN LIFE TO DO TO CHANGE FROM ANYTHING THAT WE ARE USED TO EXPERIENCING.

AND SO IT IS THAT WHAT WE CALL THE UNEDUCATED EGO IS SELF-WILL, WHICH IS THE EXPRESSION OF PATTERNS OF PAST ACCEPTANCE. THE EDUCATED EGO IS AN EGO THAT IS RECEPTIVE TO NEW THOUGHT, TO NEW IDEAS, TO NEW ACTIONS, WITHOUT THE CENSORSHIP OF OUR MAGNETIC FIELD OF PAST EXPERIENCES. NOW MAN HAS A CHOICE TO MAKE THIS MOMENT, THE ETERNAL MOMENT OF NOW, WHETHER OR NOT HE WISHES TO CONTINUE ON THE WAY HE HAS

BEEN GOING, OR HE WISHES SOMETHING BETTER THAN HE HAS YET EXPERIENCED. WHY DO WE TEACH THAT WE ALWAYS GET WHAT WE REALLY WANT? BECAUSE, MY FRIENDS, THAT IS EXACTLY WHAT IS TAKING PLACE EVERY MOMENT OF OUR LIFE WHETHER WE LIKE IT OR WE DON'T LIKE IT. BECAUSE WE HAVE NOT YET MADE THE EFFORT, THE TRUE EFFORT, TO FIND WHAT IS KNOWN AS GOD, OR THE DIVINE NEUTRALITY, WE CONTINUE TO RELY UPON THAT WHICH WE HAVE RELIED UPON FOR SO VERY MANY, MANY, MANY CENTURIES -- CALLED THE SELF-WILL.

NOW, WE ALL KNOW THAT DIVINE WILL IS ACCEPTANCE-- TOTAL ACCEPTANCE. IF YOU ARE READY TO ACCEPT INTO YOUR CONSCIOUSNESS A BETTER WAY OF THINKING THAN YOU ALREADY HAVE, THEN YOU ARE ON THE FIRST STEP TO BEING THE VEHICLE THROUGH WHICH DIVINE WILL MAY EXPRESS ITSELF WITHOUT THE LIMITATION OF PAST EXPERIENCES. HOW DOES ONE KNOW WHETHER OR NOT THEY'RE TRULY READY TO ACCEPT THE WILL OF THE DIVINE WITHOUT LIMITATION? ALL WE HAVE TO DO IS TO LOOK AT THE PRESENT SO-CALLED PROBLEM THAT WE HAVE. AND WE ALL HAVE SOME TYPE OF SITUATION THAT WE WANT SETTLED, SOME TYPE OF PROBLEM IN OUR LIFE THIS MOMENT, THAT WE ARE SEEKING A SOLUTION TO. IF THE THOUGHT, THE THOUGHT OF THE SITUATION, THE THOUGHT OF THE SO-CALLED PROBLEM CONTINUES TO ENTERTAIN YOUR CONSCIOUS MIND, THEN YOU MAY BE REST ASSURED, YOU ARE STILL CONTROLLED BY PATTERNS AND EXPERIENCES OF THE PAST. IF YOU ARE READY TO MAKE THE CHANGE, THEN YOU WILL MOVE TO ANOTHER LEVEL OF CONSCIOUSNESS AND YOU WILL DO WHAT WE HAVE ALL BEEN TAUGHT HERE -- YOU WILL RELEASE IT TO THE DIVINE.

NOW, HOW DOES MAN RELEASE SOMETHING TO HIS OWN DIVINITY, TO THE ONLY LEVEL OF CONSCIOUSNESS THAT IS ABLE TO SEE CLEARLY, NOT JUST IN THIS MOMENT OF NOW, BUT IS ABLE TO SEE WHAT WILL BE IN THE BEST INTEREST FOR US? FOR THAT IS OUR DIVINITY, IT KNOWS WHAT'S RIGHT FOR US AS INDIVIDUALIZED SOULS. WE KNOW WHEN WE

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HAVE RELEASED IT TO THE DIVINE WITHIN US WHEN WE NO LONGER GIVE IT THOUGHT. NOW EACH AND EVERY MOMENT WHEN WE ARE CONSCIOUSLY AWAKE AND WHEN WE ARE ASLEEP THE SO-CALLED COMPUTER OF OUR MIND IS PLAYING WHAT WE CALL IN THIS UNDERSTANDING "TAPES." IT'S PLAYING EXPERIENCES OF THE PAST. IT IS DOING IT WHETHER OR NOT YOU ARE CONSCIOUSLY AWARE FOR THAT IS THE VERY NATURE OF MIND-STUFF. THERE ARE MOMENTS WHEN WE HAVE AN AWARENESS OF A THOUGHT THAT CONTINUES TO REPEAT ITSELF IN OUR MIND, AND WE FIND THAT CONDITION MOST DISTURBING. BUT, MY GOOD STUDENTS, THAT PROCESS OF THOUGHT AND THOUGHTS IS TAKING PLACE IN OUR MIND DAY AND NIGHT.

SO, MY GOOD STUDENTS, DOES IT NOT BEHOOVE US TO PERMEATE OUR CONSCIOUSNESS WITH POTENT AND POSITIVE AFFIRMATIONS, TO INTRODUCE INTO OUR TAPE RECORDER OF THE MIND, TAPES THAT WILL REAP US A BENEFICIAL HARVEST? IT'S LIKE A STUDENT STRIVING TO LEARN ONE OF THE MANY AFFIRMATIONS THAT ARE GIVEN HERE, A MOST IMPORTANT AFFIRMATION, WHICH SIMPLY STATES "GOD IS THE SOURCE OF MY SUPPLY." THE STUDENTS WORK ON THAT. PERHAPS THEY SAY IT A FEW TIMES, MAYBE THEY SAY IT FIFTY OR A HUNDRED. BUT WHAT HAPPENS? AS THAT AFFIRMATION STRIVES TO RECORD ITSELF IN THE GREY MATTER OF OUR MIND, A MULTITUDE OF CONTRADICTORY EXPERIENCES OF THIS LIFE FLOOD INTO OUR CONSCIOUSNESS. WHAT DOES THAT REVEAL TO US? IT REVEALS THAT WE ARE IN SELF-WILL, NOT DIVINE WILL, THAT WE ARE STILL CONTROLLED BY YESTERDAY. HOW CAN WE TRULY PROGRESS WHEN WE PERMIT OURSELF TO BE CONSTANTLY CONTROLLED BY YESTERDAY'S EXPERIENCES?

MANY TIMES IT HAS BEEN ASKED TO THINK AND TO THINK MORE DEEPLY. WHEN MAN THINKS ON THE CONSCIOUS LEVEL, AND HE THINKS ON THE SUBCONSCIOUS LEVEL, AND HE THINKS ON THE SUPERCONSCIOUS LEVEL, THEN HE BECOMES

QUALIFIED TO USE REASON IN HIS LIFE, FOR IT IS ONLY THROUGH THE USE OF REASON THAT WE WILL IN TRUTH BE TRANSFORMED.

NOW THESE AFFIRMATIONS HAVEN'T, SO FAR, SEEMED TO BE IMPORTANT ENOUGH TO MOST STUDENTS, IN THE SENSE THAT WE HAVE NOT SEEN THEM IN APPLICATION. THEY DO, HOWEVER, EXIST IN THEORY, BUT THEORY NEVER SAVED A HUMAN SOUL. IT MUST MEAN ENOUGH TO YOU TO APPLY WHAT YOU HAVE BEEN LEARNING. AND SO OUR TEACHINGS ARE "OH, SUFFER SENSES NOT IN VAIN, FOR FREEDOM OF YOUR SOUL IS GAIN." AND SO IT IS, WHEN THE SUFFERING IS INTENSE ENOUGH, MAN WILL LOOK AT HIMSELF FROM A DIFFERENT LEVEL OF CONSCIOUSNESS, AND HE WILL MAKE THE CHANGE THAT IS NECESSARY FOR HIM TO FREE HIMSELF FROM WHAT HE NOW CONSIDERS PERHAPS IS UNBEARABLE, AND THE SUFFERING IS SO INTENSE. WE MUST MOVE, MY GOOD STUDENTS, FROM INTELLECTUALIZING OVER THIS PHILOSOPHY INTO THE LIVING DEMONSTRATION OF IT. IT HAS TO MEAN THAT MUCH TO YOU TO GET SOMETHING OUT OF IT. IF YOUR LIFE HAS NOT YET STARTED TO CHANGE, AND YOU ARE NOT YET SEEING THE POSSIBILITY OF FULFILLMENT FOR YOURSELF, THEN IT CERTAINLY IS LONG PAST DUE.

LET US BE MORE INTERESTED IN CHANGING OURSELF, AND LESS INTERESTED IN CHANGING SOMEONE ELSE. FOR IF WE WILL DO THAT, WE WILL HAVE NO NEED TO BE CONCERNED OVER WHAT SOMEONE ELSE, WHO MAY BE AFFECTING OUR LIFE, IS DOING. FOR THINGS CAN ONLY AFFECT OUR LIVES THROUGH THE DOOR OF RECEPTIVITY, AND THAT DOOR, MY FRIENDS, IS UNDER YOUR CONTROL IF YOU CHOOSE TO MAKE IT SO. MANY TIMES WE HAVE SPOKEN, AND SPEAK AGAIN, ABOUT GIVING SO FREELY TO THIS WORLD YOUR DIVINITY. YOU GIVE YOUR DIVINITY WHEN YOU PERMIT YOUR MIND, YOUR MIND, TO BE DISTURBED OVER THE ACTS, THOUGHTS, AND ACTIVITIES OF ANYTHING OUTSIDE OF YOUR OWN BEING. REMEMBER, THAT WHICH WE GIVE THOUGHT TO WE GIVE POWER TO, AND HAVING GIVEN POWER TO

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IT, WE HAVE PLACED IT IN A POSITION IN OUR CONSCIOUSNESS TO CONTROL OUR LIVES. THAT, MY FRIENDS, IS GIVING AWAY YOUR DIVINITY. IT IS SUCH A PRECIOUS THING. WHEN MAN AWAKENS TO ITS TRUE VALUE, HE WILL NO LONGER GIVE IT SO FREELY TO PEOPLE, PLACES, AND THINGS.

OUR TEACHING IS "THE SPOKEN WORD IS LIFE-GIVING ENERGY." SO WHEN SOMETHING DISTURBS US AND WE DO NOT WANT THE CONTINUITY OF THE DISTURBANCE, THEN LET US NOT GIVE IT THE ENERGY OF THE SPOKEN WORD, FOR WE CREATE IT IN FORM, AND BEING OUR OWN CREATION, WE THEN GET TO LIVE WITH IT. SO LET US CHOOSE MORE WISELY WHAT WE ARE CREATING FOR OURSELVES. LET US MOVE TO LEVELS OF CONSCIOUSNESS WHERE WE ACCEPT THE DIVINITY IN ITS WHOLENESS AND IN ITS FULLNESS. IT KNOWS BETTER THAN OUR MIND WILL EVER KNOW WHAT IS BEST FOR US BECAUSE IT KNOWS WHERE WE'VE BEEN, WHERE WE ARE, AND WERE WE ARE GOING. IT IS THE ONLY THING WORTH RELYING UPON.

SO FRIENDS, MOVE FORWARD IN CONSCIOUSNESS, UNLESS FOR SOME REASON, IN SOME LEVEL OF CONSCIOUSNESS, YOU ARE THOROUGHLY, WHOLLY, AND COMPLETELY ENJOYING THE MISERY OF THE LOWER LEVELS OF SELF. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. YOU'RE FREE TO ASK YOUR QUESTIONS.

QUESTION: IN YOUR TALK TONIGHT, YOU MENTIONED THINKING ON THE SUPERCONSCIOUS LEVEL, WILL YOU PLEASE TELL US WHETHER THAT MEANS CLEAR OR WHETHER THAT IS MEDITATION, OR JUST EXPLAIN YOUR UNDERSTANDING OF IT?

ANSWER: THANK YOU VERY MUCH. IN REFERENCE TO THE SUPERCONSCIOUS -- WHEN MAN HAVING A CONSCIOUS THOUGHT, AND ALL CONSCIOUS THOUGHTS HAVE A REACTING SUBCONSCIOUS EXPRESSION OR FEELING, HAVING THE FEELING WHICH ACCOMPANIES THE THOUGHT RELEASES IT TO WHAT WE CALL THE DIVINE, TO WHAT WE CALL A HIGHER POWER. THAT THOUGHT RISES FROM THE CONSCIOUS AND

SUBCONSCIOUS LEVELS TO THE SUPERCONSCIOUS. NOW THE SUPERCONSCIOUS, WHICH IS OUR CONSCIOUSNESS -- THE SUPERCONSCIOUS, LOOKS DOWN AT OUR CONSCIOUS DESIRE AND OUR SUBCONSCIOUS ACCEPTED PATTERN CONCERNING THAT PARTICULAR THOUGHT. SEEING BOTH SIDES, SEEING BOTH MAGNETIC AND ELECTRIC, IT IS IN A POSITION TO MAKE THE DECISION WHICH IS WISE FOR US. THAT IS THE LEVEL OF CONSCIOUSNESS OF NEUTRALITY, TOTAL IMPARTIALITY. IT IS NOT GOVERNED BY PAST EXPERIENCE, NOR IS IT CONTROLLED BY FUTURE EVENTS. IT KNOWS FOR IT IS THE ETERNITY ITSELF.

AND SO, MY FRIENDS, RELEASING TO THE DIVINE IS RELEASING A THOUGHT OR DESIRE FROM YOUR CONSCIOUS MIND, YOUR SUBCONSCIOUS MAGNETIC CONTROL, INTO YOUR OWN DIVINITY. THIS IS WHY MANY TIMES A PERSON HAS SAID, "I HAVE SOMETHING THAT DISTURBS ME, I GO TO SEEP ON IT. I AWAKEN IN THE MORNING AND THE ANSWER IS THERE WAITING FOR ME." THROUGH PRACTICE WE CAN DO THIS IN A MOMENT. THERE'S NO NEED TO TAKE A QUESTION TO BED WITH US AT ALL. ASK THE QUESTION, FOR THE POWER OF THE MIND TO QUESTION PRESUPPOSES AND GUARANTEES NO LESS ITS OWN POWER TO ANSWER. BUT FROM WHAT LEVEL IS THE ANSWER COMING? IF THE ANSWER IS COMING FROM YOUR SUPERCONSCIOUS, IT IS THE RIGHT ANSWER FOR YOU BECAUSE YOUR SUPERCONSCIOUS KNOWS, IT DOES NOT HAVE TO BE TOLD. IT ISN'T GOVERNED AND INFLUENCED BY OTHER LEVELS OF CONSCIOUSNESS. DOES THAT HELP YOU WITH YOUR QUESTION? YES. THANK YOU. YOU'RE WELCOME.

QUESTION: YOU MENTIONED SUBCONSCIOUS TAPES OR PROGRAMS, AND I'VE BEEN THINKING ABOUT THAT FOR A LONG TIME. I HAVE A FEELING THAT THERE ARE CERTAIN BASIC ONES. FOR EXAMPLE, ONE THAT I'VE BECOME FAMILIAR WITH IS THE ONE OF REJECTION. I'M WONDERING WHAT'S YOUR UNDERSTANDIG, WHETHER THERE ARE BASIC TAPES, AND IF YOU COULD TELL US, YOU KNOW, HOW MANY THERE ARE, WHAT SOME OF THEM ARE, THAT SORT OF THING?

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NOW, YOU ARE FREE TO GO ON WITH YOUR QUESTIONS, BUT LET US COME DOWN TO THE TWO DIMENSIONS, FRIENDS, SO THAT WE CAN MOVE HOPEFULLY FORWARD, NOT SIDEWARDS, NOT BACKWARDS, BUT FORWARD.

QUESTION: IN DISCOURSE NUMBER TWENTY-FIVE WE TALK ABOUT LOVE AND IT SAYS, "THE LAW OF LIFE IS LOVE AND ITS CONSTANT APPLICATION," CAN YOU TELL US ABOUT THIS LOVE THAT HOLDS ALL THE PLANETS IN THEIR SPACES AND WHAT IS THIS POWER? I MEAN, WE HEAR IT SO MUCH, AND WE TALK ABOUT IT SO MUCH, AND WE DO NOT UNDERSTAND HOW THIS, WHY IT'S CALLED LOVE?

ANSWER: THANK YOU SO VERY MUCH. THE LADY STATED VERY CLEARLY, IN OUR BOOK IT STATES THE LAW OF LIFE IS LOVE, ITS CONSTANT APPLICATION. WE DISCUSSED A LITTLE EARLIER HERE THIS EVENING THAT LIFE IS THE LIMIT OF ONE'S EXPERIENCE. AND SO WHAT IS ALL EXPERIENCE, BUT LIFE. AND WHAT IS LIFE, BUT LOVE. AND WHAT IS LOVE, BUT ENERGY. THAT'S ALL LOVE REALLY IS -- IS DIVINE, NEUTRAL, PURE, UNADULTERATED ENERGY. HOWEVER, MOST PEOPLE, I AGREE, THINK THAT LOVE IS A FULFILLMENT OF A DESIRE. IF THAT WERE TRUE, THEN LOVE IS IN VERY SAD SHAPE, IT CAN'T LAST BUT A FEW MINUTES AT A TIME. SO LET US NOT CONFUSE LOVE WITH THE FULFILLMENT OF A MOMENT'S DESIRE OR PLEASURE. NO, TRUE IT IS ENERGY, BUT THAT SAME ENERGY, MY FRIENDS, CAN BE DIRECTED THROUGH YOUR CONSCIOUSNESS TO LOVE ALL LIFE AND KNOW THE LIGHT. NOW WHEN YOU DO THAT, WHEN YOU DIRECT GOD, THE DIVINE, INTELLIGENT, ENERGY TO ALL OF LIFE EQUALLY, WITHOUT RESTRICTION THEN, MY GOOD STUDENTS, YOU WILL KNOW THE LIGHT, BUT WE CANNOT KNOW THE LIGHT UNTIL WE EDUCATE THE HUMAN EGO. BECAUSE, YOU SEE, IT IS THROUGH THE ABUSE OF THAT VEHICLE THAT WE HAVE ACCEPTED THIS PATTERN

OF CONSCIOUSNESS, WE'VE ACCEPTED THAT PATTERN AND WE'VE ACCEPTED THAT PATTERN -- IT'S ON A TAPE, AND WHEN THE TAPE PLAYS, WE MOVE ALONG THAT TAPE, AND WE SAY I'M IN LOVE, AND THE TAPE STOPS PLAYING, AND WE'RE OUT OF LOVE. AND WE HAVE RESTRICTED, THROUGH LACK OF UNDERSTANDING, THROUGH LIMITED EXPERIENCE, WE HAVE RESTRICTED THE FLOW OF DIVINE, INTELLIGENT ENERGY TO THIS EXPERIENCE, THAT EXPERIENCE, AND THAT EXPERIENCE, AND THAT'S WHERE WE LOST GOD IN CONSCIOUSNESS. AND SO HOW DO WE FIND GOD AGAIN IN CONSCIOUSNESS? WE FIND GOD IN CONSCIOUSNESS THROUGH A RE-EDUCATION, THROUGH AN INTRODUCTION OF NEW TAPES INTO OUR COMPUTER, TAPES THAT WILL FREE THE DIVINE ENERGY, THAT WE WILL NO LONGER BE THE OBSTRUCTION, AND WE WILL LOVE ALL LIFE AND WE WILL KNOW THE LIGHT. BUT YOU SEE IF MAN SAYS THAT LOVE, WHICH IS PURE ENERGY, IS PHYSICALLY MOVING THE BODY AND DOING THIS ACT OR THAT, THEN HE DOESN'T HAVE LOVE AT ALL, BUT HE DOES HAVE AN ADDICTION TO THE SHADOWS. BUT WHEN THE SHADOWS DISAPPEAR, THE LIGHT OF REASON WILL DAWN. HE WILL BE TRANSFIGURED AND THEN BE FREE. WE HEAR SO MUCH ABOUT LOVE, BUT WE HEAR ABOUT THE TYPE OF LOVE THAT HAS WANT, NEED AND DESIRE. WE RARELY HEAR ABOUT THE DIVINE LOVE THAT HAS NO WANT. IT HAS NO NEED. IT HAS NO DESIRE. IT IS EQUALLY DISTRIBUTED TO ALL CREATION. IT IS NOT LIMITED BY THE PHYSICAL BODY. IT IS NOT LIMITED BY THE ADDICTION TO PARTICULAR EXPERIENCES KNOWN AS TAPE -- TAPES IN OUR COMPUTER. IT'S FREE. IT FLOWS FREELY. AND HE WHO LOVES FREELY SHALL BE LOVED FREELY BECAUSE HE DOESN'T DICTATE TO GOD HOW HE IS TO EXPERIENCE THAT LOVE. HE DOESN'T SET HIMSELF SO HIGH ON THE THRONE OF CONSCIOUSNESS THAT HE KNOWS MORE THAN THE DIVINE HIMSELF. I DO HOPE THAT'S HELPED WITH YOUR QUESTION? YES?

QUESTION: WE ARE TAUGHT IN THIS PHILOSOPHY ABOUT SENSING AND FEELING THINGS, AND WE HEAR

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SO MUCH ABOUT HUMOR, AND THAT HUMOR IS THE SAVING GRACE. CAN YOU TELL ME WHY THEY SAY "SENSE" OF HUMOR?

ANSWER: THANK YOU SO VERY MUCH, AND IT IS THE TEACHING THAT "HUMOR IS THE SALVATION OF THE SOUL," AND THE STUDENT WANTS TO KNOW WHY THEY SAY "SENSE" OF HUMOR? HUMOR IS A SOUL FACULTY. LIKE DUTY, IT IS EXPRIENCED IN OUR SENSES. LIKE FAITH, LIKE POISE AND LIKE HUMILITY, IT IS EXPERIENCED IN OUR SENSES, FOR OUR SOUL IS ENCASED, AT THIS MOMENT, IN A SENSE BODY. AND SO IT IS THAT OUR TEACHING IS HUMOR, THE SALVATION OF THE SOUL. HAVE A SENSE OF HUMOR. ACCEPT THAT HUMOR IN ALL LEVELS OF CONSCIOUSNESS, INCLUDING THE SENSE BODY, BECAUSE THAT, IN TRUTH, IS THE ONLY PLACE YOU CAN EXPERIENCE IT WHEN THE SENSE BODY IS THE ONLY THING THAT MOST OF US ARE AWARE OF. OTHERWISE, OF WHAT BENEFIT WOULD IT BE TO SAY HUMOR IS THE SALVATION OF YOUR SOUL AND YOU'RE IN YOUR SENSE BODY AND YOU CAN'T EXPERIENCE HUMOR? NO, MY FRIENDS, DIVINE INTELLIGENCE IN ITS PERFECT DESIGN MADE NO MISTAKE -- MISTAKES ARE LACK OF UNDERSTANDING OF OURSELVES -- MADE NO MISTAKE, GAVE US SOUL FACULTIES AND SENSE FUNCTIONS, AND OUT OF DIVINE COMPASSION, THE SOUL FACULTIES ARE EXPERIENCED IN THE SENSE FUNCTIONS IN WHICH WE'RE LOCKED. WHEN YOU LAUGH, WHEN YOU EXPRESS HUMOR, YOU FEEL BETTER, DON'T YOU? WHY DO YOU FEEL BETTER? BECAUSE YOU HAVE DIRECTED DIVINE ENERGY IN A LEVEL OF CONSCIOUSNESS EXPRESSING THROUGH YOUR SENSES THAT LIFTS YOUR SOUL AND YOU KNOW JOY. DO YOU UNDERSTAND? SO, USE THE SENSES WISELY. STOP ABUSING THEM, FOR FROM ABUSE, YOU ARE THE SLAVE AND THE ADDICT. NONE OF US WANT TO BE ADDICTS. YOU KNOW THERE IS ONE THING ABOUT THAT WORD "ADDICTION" -- WHENEVER YOU MENTION IT, IT SEEMS EVERYBODY THINKS OF NARCOTICS. YOU DON'T NEED A PILL TO BE ADDICTED. WE WERE

ADDICTED BEFORE THEY INVENTED PILLS. WE'RE THE ONES THAT INVENTED THEM, THE HUMAN RACE. ADDICTION, MY FRIENDS, IS WHATEVER YOU EXPRESS IN CONTINUITY AND REPEATEDLY WITHOUT THE ABILITY OF STOPPING IT, AT LEAST FOR A FEW MOMENTS, BY WHAT IS KNOWN AS CONTROL. NOW I ADMIT THERE ARE MANY VARYING DEGREES OF ADDICTION, BUT LET US BE HONEST WITH OURSELVES AND LET US TAKE A GOOD LOOK BECAUSE WE ARE ALL ADDICTED TO SOMETHING. NOW IT MAY BE THAT WE ARE ONLY ADDICTED TO OUR OWN OPINION, BUT, MY FRIENDS, ADDICTION TO ONE'S OPINIONS WILL NEVER FREE YOUR SOUL. SO THINK ABOUT WHAT THAT WORD ADDICTION REALLY MEANS.

THE TEACHING IS, "BE EVER READY AND WILLING TO CHANGE." IF YOU ARE EVER READY AND WILLING TO CHANGE THEN YOU WILL BREAK THE BACK OF ADDICTION, BUT TO BE EVER READY AND WILLING TO CHANGE, YOU MUST ACCEPT, AND ACCEPTANCE IS THE DIVINE WILL. YOU MUST USE DESIRE, MY FRIENDS, TO CHANGE. EXPRESSION IS THE DIVINE DESIRE. AND SO LET US NOT THINK OF DESIRE AS SOMETHING BAD, AND LET US NOT THINK OF EGO AS SOMETHING BAD, BUT LET US USE THE SENSES WITH SOME LIGHT OF REASON, AND LET US USE OUR SOUL FACULTIES AND LET US USE OUR SO-CALLED EGO AND LET'S STOP ABUSING IT, AND THEN WE WILL FEEL SO MUCH BETTER, SO VERY MUCH BETTER.

YOU KNOW, WHEN WE ARE EXPRESSING THROUGH THE VEHICLE KNOWN AS THE HUMAN EGO, WHICH IS ALL THE TIME, UNTIL WE CAN CONTROL IT AND SET IT TO SLEEP, WHEN WE'RE EXPRESSING THROUGH THE HUMAN EGO WE WANT TO GET SOME POSITIVE FEED-BACK, WE WANT TO FEEL GOOD ABOUT OUR EXPRESSION, WE DON'T WANT SOMEONE TO COME UP AND SAY THAT EGO OF YOURS NOW HAS GONE TOO FAR AGAIN, NO MORE. WELL, YOU SEE THAT'S NOT AN EDUCATED EGO. IF OUR EGO MERITS, FROM ITS EXPRESSION, BEING SHUT OFF, TOLD TO BE AT PEACE, CHANGE ITS LEVEL OF CONSCIOUSNESS, TOLD THAT IT'S IN THE FORCES AGAIN, AND ALL THOSE

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Gems of Light

THE WILL IS THE LAW OF OUR UNIVERSE.

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WHEN THE LIPS ARE SEALED IN SILENCE
AND THE EARS ARE CLOSED SECURE
PEACE WITHIN HAS FOUND ITS GLORY
THE SOUL WILL PLAY THE PERFECT SCORE.

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GOAL IS A LIFELINE.
CHOOSE IT WISELY.

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THE SPOKEN WORD IS THE PRINCIPLE OF THE LAW -- LIFE GIVING ENERGY.

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MAN NEVER CHANGES A PRINCIPLE, HE ONLY EXPANDS ITS USE, AND EXPANSION OF ITS USE IS KNOWN BY MAN AS CHANGE.

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SELF-WILL KNOWS ITS OWN FACE AND WILL FIND IT OWN PLACE.

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TRUTH IS SIMPLE THAT IT MAY CONFOUND THE SEEMING WISE.

Spiritual Healing

*by Miriam Bostwick**

OUR BODY CAN BE LIKENED UNTO AN ORCHESTRA. EACH AND EVERY ORGAN IS AN IMPORTANT INSTRUMENT. AND WHEN WORKING IN HARMONY WITH EACH OTHER, THE RESULT IS BEAUTIFUL, FLOWING MUSIC -- PERFECT HEALTH. ONE SOUR NOTE, HOWEVER, SPOILS THE EFFECT OF THE WHOLE FOR IT IS OUT OF HARMONY.

DISHARMONIOUS THOUGHTS -- THOUGHTS OF GREED, ENVY, JEALOUSY, ANGER, REJECTION, RESENTMENT, AND THE LIKE -- ALL CAUSE OBSTRUCTIONS TO THE FREE FLOW OF ENERGY THROUGHOUT OUR BODY. AS EACH ORGAN REPRESENTS A PARTICULAR SOUL FACULTY AND SENSE FUNCTION, THERE MUST BE A BALANCE OF ENERGY FLOWING THROUGH THE ORGANS. OTHERWISE, THE ENERGY BECOMES LOCKED IN AND CAUSES GROWTHS OR DISEASE, OR MALFUNCTIONING OF THE BODY.

BALANCE IN OUR THINKING IS THE KEY, PEACE IS THE POWER AND HARMONY IS THE LAW OF HEALTH. SO LET US MAKE GREATER EFFORT TO MORE FREQUENTLY DIRECT OUR THOUGHTS UPWARD TO GOD IN LOVE, JOY AND PEACE THAT WE MAY EXPERIENCE OUR DIVINE BIRTHRIGHT OF PERFECT HEALTH.

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Visitors' Views

"VERY REVEALING. ENJOYED IT IMMENSELY." - G. F.

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"A WARM EXPERIENCE -- LOTS OF GOOD FEELINGS."

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"I AM INSPIRED BY THE TRUTH I EXPERIENCE HERE." -- H.

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"YOUR WORKERS AND HOUSE OF WORSHIP, THOUGH TEMPORARY ARE TRULY AN INSPIRATION." - B.G.

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"THANK YOU FOR THE CHANCE OF OBSERVATION. THE THOUGHTS I RECEIVED WERE INTERESTING." - C.H.

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"VERY GOOD SERVICE. VERY CLEAR AND CONCISE." - L.G.

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"THIS IS MY SECOND VISIT TO SERENITY. IT'S LIKE COMING HOME. MAY YOU PROSPER IN YOUR EFFORTS TO BRING THE MESSAGE." - J.P.

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Invocation

THANK THEE O GOD
FOR THE OPPORTUNITY
TO BE A PART OF SOMETHING
GREATER THAN OURSELVES.

Reading

TO BE A MEMBER OF A GROUP OR ORGANIZATION AND TO TAKE THE BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP WITHOUT CARRYING THE BURDENS OF THE ORGANIZATION IS TO BE A HYPOCRITE -- THAT IS, ONE WHO PRETENDS TO HAVE THE BELIEFS AND PRINCIPLES OF THE GROUP BUT WHO DEMONSTRATES THAT THEY DO NOT POSSESS THOSE BELIEFS AND PRINCIPLES. EVERY MEMBER OF A GROUP WHETHER THE GROUP IS A FAMILY, A CHURCH, A BUSINESS, OR A COUNTRY, BEARS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE BURDENS OF THE GROUP WHICH MUST BE BALANCED AGAINST THE BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP IN THE GROUP. IF A GROUP IS TO BE STRONG AND SUCCESSFUL, IT MUST HAVE A MAJORITY OF PERSONS IN IT WHO ARE RESPONSIBLE-CARRIERS, NOT JUST FINANCIAL SUPPORTERS, BUT SUPPORTERS OF THE BELIEFS AND PRINCIPLES OF THE ORGANIZATION, PERSONS DEMONSTRATING THE FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES UPON WHICH THE ORGANIZATION WAS FOUNDED. IF THE MAJORITY OF A GROUP ARE BENEFIT-TAKERS RATHER THAN RESPONSIBLE-CARRIERS, THE ORGANIZATION IS DRAINED AND EVENTUALLY COLLAPSES. FOR EXAMPLE, NO COUNTRY WILL LONG SURVIVE IF THERE ARE MORE TAKERS OF THE BENEFITS OF THE COUNTRY THAN THERE ARE GIVERS OF SUPPORT TO THE COUNTRY, CALLED TAXPAYERS. SO TOO WITH A BUSINESS, IF MORE IS TAKEN OUT OF THE PROFITS OF A BUSINESS THAN IS PUT BACK INTO THE BUSINESS, THE BUSINESS WILL EVENTUALLY COLLAPSE FROM LACK OF SUPPORT.

Serenity Students

*by Hilda Davis**

I HAVE BECOME AWARE OF THE GREAT SIMILARITY BETWEEN A BODY OF WATER AND OURSELVES.

OFTTIMES WE SEE THE WATER WHEN THE TIDE HAS GONE OUT -- IT SEEMS UNPLEASANT, MARSHY AND DISCOURAGING. SHORTLY, HOWEVER, WE CAN OBSERVE THE TIDE RETURNING TO REPLENISH AND REVITALIZE ITSELF WITH ITS BEAUTY AND MOVEMENT. IT GLISTENS IN THE LIGHT AND ATTRACTS BIRDS AND OTHER FORMS OF BEAUTY TO IT. THERE IS A REAWAKENING, AN ENTHUSIASM IN THAT BEAUTIFUL FLOW. IT HAS A GOAL, IT KNOWS ITS PURPOSE!

IF WE WOULD SEE OURSELVES THAT WAY, THE MOMENTS OF DISCOURAGEMENT WOULD BECOME ENTHUSIASTIC IN THE FULL UNDERSTANDING THAT THE MOMENT IS BUT A VACUUM GUARANTEED BY NATURAL LAW TO REPLENISH ITSELF. THE CHOICE IS UP TO US WHETHER THE FLOW WILL BE BITTER OR SWEET.

IN TRUTH WE ALL KNOW THE WAY, BUT WE FORGET THAT DESPAIR AND DISCOURAGEMENT BREEDS ITS LIKE KIND, SO WE CONTINUE ONWARD AND ONWARD BRINGING MURKY WATER INTO OUR LIVES.

WE ARE A PART OF THE WHOLE, LIKE THE WATER THAT FLOWS IN THE BAY, AND MUST BE ENCOURAGED THAT THIS IS ONLY A MOMENT, A NECESSARY PAUSE, BEFORE WE REPLENISH THE FLOW AND SHINE IN THE LIGHT.

GRATITUDE IS APPLIED APPRECIATION.

Children's Corner

IF YOU DIDN'T HAVE TREES YOU WOULD SUFFICATE AND YOU WOULDN'T HAVE ANY AIR AND YOU'D BE LIKE THE ASTERNAUGHTS AND THE CARS WOULDN'T RUN BECAUSE THERE WOULD BE NO AIR AND THE ENGINES WOULDN'T WORK.

Richie Arcona, Age 6

SPIDERS LIKE TO RIDE IN CARS TOO CUX I'VE SEEN THEM RIDE IN CARS BEFORE. SOMETIMES I LIKE SPIDERS. THEY GO IN SPACE AND MAKE WEBS AND I LIKE TO WATCH THEM.

Tommie Arcona, Age 4

IF YOU PLAY A GAME THERE ARE ALWAYS RULES. ALOT LIKE BASEBALL AND OTHER GAMES PEOPLE HAVE RULES LIKE - IF YOU SEND OUT A BAD THOUGHT IT WILL COME BACK. IF YOU SEND OUT A GOOD THOUGHT IT WILL ALSO COME BACK.

Stacey McKenzie, Age 12

WHEN WE'RE IN HARMONY EVERYTHING SEEMS PEACEFUL BUT WHEN WE'RE IN A LEVEL OF IMBALANCE WE DON'T FEEL PEACEFUL AND I THINK THAT EVERYBODY LIKES TO FEEL PEACEFUL NOT UNPEACEFUL AND WE CAN CHANGE OUR LEVELS AT ANYTIME. WHEN YOU'RE PEACEFUL, ITS LIKE A CHAIN REACTION TO EVERYBODY ELSE, AND IF SOMEBODY IS IN A BAD MOOD YOU NEED TO RAISE YOUR LEVEL TO HELP THEM.

Michael Field, Age 12

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And is restoring me to perfect
Health, wealth and happiness.
My heart is filled with gratitude
For the Divine Law of Acceptance
That is healing both present and absent ones
Who are in need of help.
Peace, the power that healeth,
Is guiding my thoughts, acts and deeds,
As God and I go hand in hand
Living a life of joyful abundance.

Poet's Pen

THAT'S IT

STAY IN THE LIGHT
DO WHAT IS RIGHT
AND NEVER, NEVER, NEVER
ALLOW YOUR MIND TO CONTROL YOU,
IT IS TO WORK, WORK, WORK
AND, THAT'S IT, THAT'S IT, THAT'S IT.

IT'S NOT WHAT YOU DO FOR OTHERS
IT'S NOT WHAT OTHERS DO FOR YOU
IT'S WHAT YOU DO FOR YOURSELF
THAT'S ALL THAT MATTERS
THAT'S REALLY ALL THAT MATTERS
AND, THAT'S IT, THAT'S IT, THAT'S IT.

- Beverly Houser

ASTONISHING

IT'S REALLY QUITE ASTONISHING TO SEE
THAT THREE HUNDRED AND FIFTY YEARS AGO B.C.
A MAN NAMED PLATO SAID
"WE CREATE REALITY IN OUR HEAD"
THAT A LIFE OF BEAUTY MUST BEGIN WITHIN
THAT TRUTH AND VIRTUE WILL OVERCOME SIN.
THE 1980 A.C.'S ARE HERE
NO CLOSER IS MANKIND, I FEAR
TO ACCEPTING THAT PHILOSOPHER'S TRUTHS.
BUT ONLY A FEW WILL DO
A FEW TO DEMONSTRATE IT IS TRUE
THAT WE ALONE ARE RESPONSIBLE
FOR WHAT WE DO, FOR WHAT WE VIEW
THAT WE LIVE A LIFE OF HAPPINESS
A LIFE OF BEAUTY
BECAUSE WE ACCEPTED OUR DUTY
TO BE THAT WHICH WE IN TRUTH ARE.

- Beverly Houser

In Our Thoughts

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TO SEND A HELPFUL THOUGHT OF JOY AND LIGHT TO THOSE YOU LOVE WHO HAVE PASSED TO THE HIGHER LIFE, LIST THEIR NAMES IN THIS COLUMN. DONATION OF ONE DOLLAR PER NAME IS REQUESTED.

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OTHER NEGATIVE TRIPS. MY GOODNESS, FRIENDS, WE'RE NOT HERE TO ANNIHILATE IT, BUT LET US STOP AND THINK AND SAY, "I WOULD LIKE TO SAY SOMETHING IN LIFE AND HAVE SOMEONE TELL ME, YOU KNOW, YOU DID A NICE JOB, SAY YOU'RE REALLY COMING ALONG GREAT, IT'S NICE TO SEE YOU TODAY," INSTEAD OF SAYING, "O GOD, THERE SHE COMES AGAIN."

MY FRIENDS, LOOK, WE ALL HAVE AN EGO, LET'S EDUCATE IT, LET'S USE IT CONSTRUCTIVELY AND THEN WE'RE GOING TO FEEL GOOD. OUR HEALTH IS GOING TO IMPROVE AND EVERYTHING ELSE. YOU SEE, "O MAN THINK HUMBLE, YET WELL OF THYSELF FOR IN THY THINKING IS CREATED THE VEHICLE, THE VEHICLE OF THY SOUL." FOR EVERYBODY HAS GOT TO FIND SOMETHING GOOD ABOUT THEMSELVES, AND HAVING FOUND THAT, EXPRESS IT IN AN EDUCATED WAY.

YOU SEE, WE'VE DISCUSSED MANY TIMES WE ALL NEED ATTENTION. OF COURSE, WE ALL NEED ATTENTION. WHAT'S ATTENTION? IT'S DIRECTED ENERGY AND WHAT'S DIRECTED ENERGY? THAT'S GOD, AND WHAT'S GOD? THAT'S LOVE. SO EVERYTHING NEEDS LOVE TO FLOURISH AND TO GROW, AND EVERTHING NEEDS TO EXPRESS ITSELF. I'M TRYING TO SHOW YOU A WAY TO HAVE THE FULFILLMENT IN YOUR LIFE, TO FEEL GOOD, TO EXPRESS YOUR DIVINITY IN AN EDUCATED WAY SO YOU'LL HAVE POSITIVE FEEDBACK, SO WHEN YOU SAY TO YOURSELF, "I'M NOT SUCH A BAD PERSON AFTER ALL," YOU'LL BE SPEAKING THE TRUTH. BUT LET'S NOT SAY THAT ON THE LEVEL OF AN UNEDUCATED EGO BECAUSE WE'RE GOING TO GET THE CARPET PULLED OUT FROM UNDER US AGAIN. YOU KNOW EVERY TIME WE SAY, "I'M DOING FANTASTIC, I'M JUST DOING GREAT, I'M REALLY GROWING," SOMEBODY PULLS THE CARPET OUT. WHY DO THEY PULL THE CARPET OUT? BECAUSE WE SET A LAW INTO MOTION TO SHOW US THAT WE'RE NOT DOING SO GREAT ON OTHER LEVELS OF CONSCIOUSNESS. WE'RE JUST DOING GREAT ON THE

LEVEL THAT WANTS TO BE FED BACK AND SAY, OH, YOU'RE REALLY AN ADVANCED STUDENT, THEN WE GET KNOCKED DOWN. NOW, NOBODY WANTS TO GET KNOCKED DOWN EVERY TIME THEY TURN AROUND. THEY REALLY DON'T, YOU KNOW, NOT REALLY. BUT SOME OF US SEEM TO BE KNOCKED DOWN ALMOST EVERY DAY OF THE WEEK. WELL, I'LL TELL YOU ONE THING, MY FRIENDS, IF I WAS KNOCKED DOWN EVERY DAY OF THE WEEK, I WOULD GO INTO RETREAT AND I'D SAY, "NOW, I WANT TO KNOW ABOUT THESE OTHER LEVELS OF CONSCIOUSNESS THAT I HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO SEE, AND I WANT TO FIND OUT WHAT'S GOING ON IN MY HEAD SO I CAN GET IT UNSCREWED AND BE FREE FOR A CHANGE, I DON'T LIKE BEING KNOCKED DOWN EVERY DAY OF THE WEEK." NO THINK ABOUT THAT BECAUSE I KNOW THAT NOBODY LIKES THAT. DO YOU SEE WHAT I MEAN, FRIENDS?

IF YOU EXPRESS FROM A LEVEL OF UNEDUCATED EGO, YOU, LIKE THE MAGNET, ARE GOING TO ATTRACT UNEDUCATED EGO FROM THE PERSON YOU ARE EXPRESSING TO AND YOU'RE GOING TO GET KNOCKED DOWN -- BOTH OF YOU, ONE WAY OR THE OTHER, SOONER OR LATER. BUT YOU SEE, THERE'S GOOD IN ALL THINGS. YOU'LL SUFFER SO INTENSELY AFTER AWHILE, THE DOORS OF HUMILITY WILL OPEN AND YOU'LL START TO CHANGE. ISN'T IT NICER TO MAKE CHANGES WITHOUT HAVING TO BE FORCED TO MAKE THEM? BECAUSE THEN WE CAN LOOK BACK AND WE SAY, "YES, I REALLY DID, OH, I HAVE GROWN, I'M GRATEFUL FOR THAT," AND WE WON'T HAVE TO SAY, "WELL, IT WAS THAT PERSON OVER THERE, AND THAT ONE OVER THERE, AND THAT ONE OVER THERE THAT ALMOST KILLED ME IN THE PROCESS, AND FOR THE SAKE OF SURVIVAL I MADE SOME CHANGES." BECAUSE THEN, YOU SEE, WE MADE THE CHANGES FROM THE LEVEL OF SELF-PRESERVATION, THERE WAS NO OTHER WAY.

NOW WE ALL KNOW THAT WE CAN'T GO AWAY FROM HOME TO GET HOME, AND WHATEVER OUR TRIP IS AND WHATEVER BAGGAGE WE'RE CARRYING, IF WE MOVE FROM THS POINT TO THIS POINT, THE BAGGAGE IS

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GOING WITH US. WE AREN'T GOING TO GET TO LEAVE IT BEHIND. WHY NO, IT'S OUR CREATION, IT'S NOT THE PEOPLE OUT THERE, MY GOOD FRIENDS, NO IT'S NOT THAT AT ALL, IT'S ALL IN HERE. NOW WE FIRST ACCEPT THAT TRUTH, THAT EVERYTHING IS IN OUR HEAD. ONCE HAVING ACCEPTED THAT TRUTH, WE GO TO WORK TO STRAIGHTEN OUT OUR HEAD. WE DON'T NEED SOME PSYCHIATRIST OUT THERE THAT'S TRYING TO STRAIGHTEN HIS HEAD OUT BY DUMPING IT ONTO OUR HEAD. NO, WE DON'T REALLY NEED THAT. ALL WE GOT TO DO IS ACCEPT THE TRUTH AND SAY, "OKAY, NOW IT'S ALL IN MY HEAD. NOW LET ME FIND OUT WHEN I ACT A CERTAIN WAY, WHEN I THINK A CERTAIN WAY I GET A NICE POSITIVE FEED BACK," AND THEN JUST SIMPLY DIRECT THE ENERGY THAT WAY. AND YOU'LL HAVE A GREAT TRANSFORMATION IN YOUR LIFE AND YOU REALLY WILL FEEL GREAT AND YOU WON'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT TELLING EVERYBODY BECAUSE YOU'LL BECOME THE LIVING DEMONSTRATION OF THAT TRUTH AND ALL WILL BE WELL, YOU SEE.

REMEMBER HE WHO DOES NOT FIND SOMETHING INSIDE OF HIMSELF THAT HE TRULY LOVES, CANNOT LONG ENDURE, AND CANNOT IN TRUTH ENJOY LIFE AND FULFILL ITS PURPOSE. SO NO MATTER HOW BAD YOU THINK YOU ARE, AND IF YOU THINK YOU'RE BAD, ASK YOURSELF, "AM I TELLING EVERYBODY HOW BAD I THINK, AM I WALKING AROUND WITH A SOUR FACE SO THAT EVERYBODY CAN SEE HOW BAD I LOOK AND HOW BAD I FEEL? " WATCH OUT, BECAUSE THAT'S EGO, AN UNEDUCATED EGO DEVICE TO GAIN ATTENTION, AND YOU'LL GET THE ATTENTION ALL RIGHT, BUT YOU'LL BE TOLD HOW DISGUSTING IT IS TO SEE YOUR FACE. NOW THAT ISN'T WHAT WE WANT. NOW LET US STAY AND HAVE REFRESHMENTS.

(This class, which was given on February 6, 1981, is available on recorded cassette tape.)

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ANSWER: THANK YOU SO VERY, VERY MUCH. NOW IN REFERENCE TO THE LADY'S QUESTION OF BASIC TAPES, WHAT CONSTITUTES A BASIC TAPE? THIS IS THE QUESTION THAT MUST BE ASKED. FOR EACH INDIVIDUAL IN THIS LIFE'S EXPERIENCE IN THE VERY FORMATIVE YEARS, THERE ARE CERTAIN EXPERIENCES THAT HAVE A VERY POTENT AND STRONG EFFECT UPON THE MAGNETIC FIELD OR SO-CALLED SUBCONSCIOUS. NOW, PEOPLE THINK, PERHAPS, THAT -- WELL, I'M A HUMAN BEING, I'M PART OF THE HUMAN RACE, AND THEREFORE I HAVE A SUBCONSCIOUS, AND EVERYBODY'S SUBCONSCIOUS IS LIKE MY SUBCONSCIOUS. EVERYONE'S SUBCONSCIOUS IS ONLY LIKE OUR SUBCONSCIOUS IN THE PRINCIPLE OF THAT MAGNETIC FIELD. ALL SUBCONSCIOUSES ARE FILLED WITH DIFFERENT EXPERIENCES. WHAT, FOR EXAMPLE, WOULD BECOME A BASIC PATTERN OF RESENTMENT, THAT IS, AN EXPERIENCE THAT WOULD CREATE A BASIC PATTERN OF RESENTMENT OR REJECTION FOR ONE INDIVIDUAL DOES NOT IN AND OF ITSELF CREATE FOR ANOTHER INDIVIDUAL THAT SAME BASIC PATTERN. NO, IT DOES NOT. THE POTENTIAL LIES THERE. BUT YOU SEE WHAT WE MUST CONSIDER IS THAT THE SUBCONSCIOUS OF ONE NEW-BORN CHILD VARIES FROM THE SUBCONSCIOUS OF ANOTHER NEW-BORN CHILD BECAUSE THE SOUL IN ITS EVOLUTION IS MERITING, BY LAWS THAT ARE SET INTO MOTION, THIS PARTICULAR TENDENCY IN THIS PARTICULAR FORM, OR IN THIS PARTICULAR SUBCONSCIOUS. SO, THE BASIC PATTERN OF THE SUBCONSCIOUS IS GOING TO VARY WITH EACH AND EVERY HUMAN SOUL. NOW, BECAUSE THE SUBCONSCIOUS IS OUR MAGNETIC FIELD, AND BECAUSE IT IS THE LAW OF THE UNIVERSE THAT MAGNETS ATTRACT, AND BECAUSE LIKE ATTRACTS LIKE AND BECOMES THE LAW OF ATTACHMENT, IT IS NOT ADVISABLE FOR ANY HUMAN BEING TO PERMIT THEIR LIVES TO BE GUIDED AND CONTROLLED BY SUCH A LEVEL OF CONSCIOUSNESS BECAUSE WHATEVER PATTERNS ALREADY EXIST, WHEN THEY GO TO MAKE A

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DECISION, AND THEY ARE CONTROLLED BY WHAT WE CALL SELF-WILL OR UNDEDUCATED EGO, THEY ARE CONTROLLED BY THOSE MAGNETIC INFLUENCES WHICH ALREADY EXIST WITHIN THE HUMAN MIND.

THEREFORE, THERE IS A STATEMENT THAT HAS BEEN IN THIS WORLD FOR MANY, MANY YEARS AND IT SAYS, "YOU CANNOT TEACH AN OLD DOG NEW TRICKS; YOU CANNOT CHANGE THE SPOTS OF A LEOPARD." NOW, WHY HAS THAT TEACHING BEEN WITH US FOR SO MANY CENTURIES? BECAUSE, MY FRIENDS, THE MAGNET OF THE MIND IS A POWERFUL FORCE AND IT TAKES GREAT EFFORT, IT TAKES GREAT WILL, IT TAKES GREAT DETERMINATION TO INTRODUCE THE SLIGHTEST CHANGE. FOR EXAMPLE, IF A PERSON HAVING ESTABLISHED WITHIN THEIR MIND WHAT WE CALL A BASIC PATTERN OF REJECTION, EACH TIME THE INDIVIDUAL DOES NOT FEEL THAT THEY ARE EXPRESSING THEMSELVES, EACH TIME THE INDIVIDUAL FEELS THAT THEY ARE MISUNDERSTOOD, EACH TIME THE INDIVIDUAL DOES NOT HAVE THE FULFILLMENT OF ANY DESIRE, NO MATTER HOW GREAT OR HOW SMALL, THE PATTERN OF REJECTION CONTROLS THE MIND. IT DOESN'T HAVE TO. IT IS NOT TRUE. IT'S A FACT, BUT IT IS NOT FREEDOM AND IT IS NOT TRUTH. SO WHAT WE DO, WE LOOK AT THE WORLD, AND WE LOOK AT OUR LIFE EXPERIENCES -- SOMETHING HAPPENS WHICH IS THE EFFECT OF A LAW WE SET INTO MOTION, AND WE SAY "I DON'T UNDERSTAND HOW THIS IS HAPPENING TO ME BECAUSE THAT WAS NOT MY INTENT." DO YOU UNDERSTAND?"THAT WAS NOT MY TRUE INTENT." NOW, MY FRIENDS, AWARENESS IS THE FIRST STEP. WE HAVE AN INTENTION TO DO SOMETHING, WE HAVE THE INTENT IN OUR CONSCIOUS MIND. IT GOES INTO THE SUBCONSCIOUS, MAGNETIC FIELD FOR EXPRESSION. YOU SEE, A THOUGHT HITS THE MIND, AND THE BODY REACTS. AND SO WE HAVE A CONSCIOUS THOUGHT, IT GOES INTO THE SUBCONSCIOUS COMPUTER, OUR INTENT IS PURE AND GOOD, BUT WHEN IT GETS THROUGH THE COMPUTER, THROUGH THE MAGNETIC FIELD, AND BECOMES

EXPRESSED, IT IS NOT WHAT WE ORIGINALLY INTENDED IT TO BE. THE REACTION THAT WE HAVE TO OUR ACTION IS REVEALING WHAT IS HAPPENING TO OUR GOOD INTENTIONS. THAT, MY FRIENDS, YOU SEE, INSIDE OF US IS THE CHILD THAT WE HAVE ALWAYS BEEN IN THIS EARTH LIFE. AND THIS CHILD IS NOTHING MORE THAN FORMATIVE TAPES IN OUR SUBCONSCIOUS, IN OUR MAGNETIC FIELD. NOW, THESE TAPES HAVE SEEN AS A CHILD, THAT BY ACTING A CERTAIN WAY, CERTAIN DESIRES ARE FULFILLED FOR THEM. A PERSON GROWS UP IN PHYSICAL STATURE, AND HE SAYS "I'M NOW AN ADULT," AND WHEN HE TRIES TO USE THOSE EXPRESSIONS, PEOPLE SAY, "WELL, YOU'RE JUST A BABY. YOU'RE ACTING LIKE A FIVE-YEAR OLD." SO WHAT HAPPENS TO US? THE MIND IS INTELLIGENT AND IT STARTS TO COVER IT WITH DIFFERENT WORDS AND DIFFERENT THINGS, BUT IS IDENTICALLY THE SAME TAPE AS WHEN WE WERE THREE, WHEN WE WERE FOUR, WHEN WE WERE FIVE, THAT WE ARE STILL PLAYING. SOMETIMES THAT CHILD TAPE IS SO STRONG IN OUR EXPRESSION, IT CAUSES US TO DO THE THINGS THE CHILDREN DO -- TO THUMB OUR NOSE, TO STOCK OUT OUR TONGUE, TO MAKE A FACE, AND YOU NAME IT. SOMETIMES IT CAUSES US TO STOMP OUR FOOT BECAUSE WE ARE NOT GETTING OUR DESIRE FULFILLED. NOW THAT IS WHAT IT DOES TO US FOR LACK OF AWARENESS AND LACK OF CONTROL.

SO, WE MUST THINK -- WHAT ARE WE DOING TO OURSELVES, WHAT ARE WE REALLY DOING? DOES EVERYONE I MEET REPRESENT MY FATHER? DOES EVERYONE I MEET REPRESENT MY MOTHER? IS ALL OF THIS WORLD MY LITTLE WORLD WHEN I WAS TWO OR THREE? IF IT IS, WE ARE DELUDING OURSELF, WE ARE NO LONGER THAT LITTLE CHILD WITH THE TANTRUMS THAT WE USED TO HAVE BECAUSE WE DIDN'T GET OUR OWN WAY. WE HAVE GROWN, AT LEAST IN PHYSICAL STATURE. NOW, WE HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO GROW MENTALLY, AND TO GROW EMOTIONALLY, TO GROW SPIRITUALLY, BUT WE MUST MAKE THE EFFORT TO BECOME AWARE. TO BECOME AWARE OF WHAT CAUSES

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OUR FEELINGS, OF WHY WE FEEL REJECTED, WHAT IS IT THAT WE HOLD ONTO WITH SUCH TENACITY THAT PERMITS US TO EXPRESS EXPERIENCES OF CHILDHOOD? MY FRIENDS, I SAID IT IN THE BEGINNING OF THIS CLASS, IT IS KNOWN AS SELF-WILL OR UNEDUCATED EGO. THAT IS WHAT THOSE PAST, EARLY, FORMATIVE EXPERIENCES ARE DOING TO US TODAY BECAUSE, ONLY BECAUSE, WE WON'T LET GO AND LET SOME GREATER INTELLIGENCE COME THROUGH WITHOUT THE FILTERING AND THE CENSORSHIP OF THOSE PATTERNS. I DO HOPE THAT HAS HELPED WITH YOUR QUESTION.

QUESTION: WE NOTED THAT WE MAY HAVE GIVEN AWAY OUR DIVINITY, CAN WE EXERCISE CONTROL IN EXPRESSING OURSELVES TO SOMEONE WHO MAY BE IN A SELF LEVEL, AND YET SOMETIMES THE SITUATION IS INTOLERABLE, AND YET IT IS VERY HARD TO EXERCISE THAT CONTROL. IT'S VERY EASY TO SAY TO RELEASE IT TO THE DIVINE, OR TO ACCEPT A GREATER POWER THAN ONE'S SELF, YET THE ANSWER I GUESS IS IN CONTROL -- LIKE, IS THIS CORRECT -- IN BEING ABLE TO EXPRESS YOURSELF WITH SOME REASONABLE AMOUNT OF CONTROL?

ANSWER: THANK YOU SO VERY MUCH FOR YOUR QUESTION. MY GOOD STUDENTS, IF WE HAVE IN OUR LIFE AT THIS MOMENT A PERSON OR THING THAT IS EXPRESSING, TO OUR UNDERSTANDING, AN EXTREME AMOUNT OF SELF-WILL, THE PERSON IS ONLY THE MIRROR REVEALING TO US OUR PRESENT OWN LEVEL OF CONSCIOUSNESS. NOW, WE MAY SAY TO OURSELF, "I'M NOT EXPRESSING MY SELF-WILL." AND YET THE PERSON STANDING, THE MIRROR OF OUR MIND, SHOWING US THAT'S WHERE WE ARE. BECAUSE YOU SEE, MY FRIENDS, LIKE ATTRACTS LIKE AND BECOMES THE LAW OF ATTACHMENT, IS AN IMMUTABLE LAW OF THE DIVINE. SO WE CANNOT BE INVOLVED IN ANYWAY, SHAPE, OR FORM IN OUR PERSONAL LIFE WITH AN INDIVIDUAL WHO IS EXPRESSING WHAT WE CONSIDER IS AN EXTREME AMOUNT OF SELF-WILL UNLESS WE ARE LOCKED INTO THAT SELF-WILL LEVEL. NOW, WHEN WE FREE OURSELF THAT FROM SELF-WILL WITHIN

OURSELF, WHEREAS LIKE ATTRACTS LIKE, WE ARE NOW FREE FROM SELF-WILL TO A GREATER EXTENT, SO THE PERSON EITHER CHANGES OR THEY LEAVE OUR UNIVERSE. BECAUSE THERE IS NO RAPPORT, AND THEREFORE, THEY CANNOT STAY IN THAT ENERGY FIELD. YOU SEE, WE CANNOT STAY, MY FRIENDS, IN ANY LEVEL OF CONSCIOUSNESS WITHOUT SUPPORT. AND SO, IF IT'S OUR HUSBAND, OUR WIVES, OUR GIRL FRIENDS, OUR BOYFRIENDS, WHATEVER IT MAY BE, LOOK AT THEM IMPARTIALLY, AND SAY, "THANK YOU, GOD, IT IS MOST DISTURBING, THIS INDIVIDUAL I'M INVOLVED WITH, BUT THEY ARE MY MIRROR, LET ME LOOK AT THEM CLEARLY THAT I MAY SEE WITH SUCH IMPACT TO MY MAGNETIC FIELD WHERE I REALLY AM, AND SEEING WHERE I REALLY AM, THAT IT WILL MAKE SUCH AN IMPACT ON MY CONSCIOUSNESS THAT I WILL MOVE TO OTHER LEVELS OF CONSCIOUSNESS AND THEY WILL DISAPPEAR."

NO, WE CANNOT BE INVOLVED IN SELF-WILL WITHOUT BEING IN SELF-WILL. MY FRIENDS, WE CANNOT BE INVOLVED WITH DESIRE WITHOUT BEING IN DESIRE. WE CANNOT BE INVOLVED WITH GOD WITHOUT BEING IN GOD. AND SO EVERYTHING IS A MIRROR, A REFLECTOR. LET US NOT BE DISCOURAGED WHEN WE TAKE LOOK AT PERHAPS COMPANIONS WHO ARE CLOSE TO US. LET US NOT BE REPULSED BY WHAT WE SEE. BECAUSE THE LAW IS VERY CLEAR, PLACE YOUR ATTENTION UPON WHAT YOU WANT TO BECOME, TAKE YOUR ATTENTION OFF OF WHAT YOU WANT TO OVERCOME, FOR ATTENTION IS THE VEHICLE THAT DIRECTS ENERGY. IF YOU WANT SUPPLY AND FREEDOM, PUT YOUR ATTENTION UPON IT, AND GET YOUR ATTENTION OFF OF SOMEONE ELSE THAT YOU INSIST HAS POWER OVER YOU. IF, MY FRIENDS, WE PERMIT OUR MIND TO ENTERTAIN THE THOUGHT THAT OUR JOY, OUR HAPPINESS, OUR FREEDOM, OUR PROSPERITY IS DEPENDENT UPON ANOTHER HUMAN SOUL, THEN WE SHALL BE CONTROLLED BY THAT HUMAN SOUL, AND NOT BY ANYTHING ELSE. I DO HOPE THAT HAS HELPED WITH YOUR QUESTION.

QUESTION: FURTHER TO YOUR DISCUSSION, YOU

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SEE MANY WONDERFUL SPIRITUAL TEACHERS AND THROUGH THIS LAW OF ATTRACTION WHAT MAKES THEM ATTRACT STUDENTS WHO ARE NOT INTELLIGENT OR WHO ARE NOT ABLE TO COPE, OR EVEN DISLOYAL?

ANSWER: MOST UNDERSTANDING. AND THANK YOU SO VERY MUCH FOR YOUR QUESTION. YES, THE LADY HAS ASKED, STATED, THAT YOU SEE MANY SPIRITUAL TEACHERS IN THE WORLD AND WHAT IS IT THAT ATTRACTS TO THOSE TEACHERS STUDENTS LOCKED INTO SELF-WILL, INTO EGO, AND NOT WILLING TO LEARN, ETC.? WELL, MY FRIENDS, BE PATIENT, BUT LOOK CLEARLY. IN ORDER THAT WE MAY EVER GO ONWARD AND FORWARD INTO THE LIGHT, INTO GREATER LIGHT, IT IS NECESSARY TO UNFOLD THE VARIOUS SOUL FACULTIES, THE BEGINNING OF WHICH IS DUTY, GRATITUDE, AND TOLERANCE, MOVING ON TO FAITH, POISE, AND HUMILITY. AND SO IT IS IN TRUTH A TEACHER'S BLESSING TO HAVE THE GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY OF LOOKING AT THEIR STUDENTS, NO MATTER WHO THE TEACHER IS, AND SAYING, "WELL, I HAVE A DECISION TO MAKE, I CAN EITHER EXPAND MY SOUL FACULTY OF TOLERANCE, DUTY, AND UNDERSTANDING, AND GRATITUDE, OR I CAN LOWER MY SOUL CONSCIOUSNESS TO THE LEVEL THAT I AM VIEWING." SO IT IS THAT ANY SPIRITUAL TEACHER MUST EVER STRIVE CONSTANTLY TO KEEP THEIR EYES SINGLE UPON THE TRUE PURPOSE OF LIFE HERSELF. AND WHAT IS THE TRUE PURPOSE BUT SERVICE. IF A TEACHER DOES NOT LOOK AT THE ETERNAL SOUL, THEN THE TEACHER WILL NOT LONG TEACH SPIRITUAL TEACHINGS.

SO, MY FRIENDS, THERE IS INDEED GOOD IN ALL THINGS. AND WHEN YOU GET DISCOURAGED, AND WHEN YOU GET DISAPPOINTED, LOOK AT THE GOOD IN THE SITUATION IN WHICH YOU ARE INVOLVED AND THAT WILL HELP TO FREE YOU TO A HIGHER LEVEL OF CONSCIOUSNESS. DOES THAT HELP WITH YOUR QUESTION? I CERTAINLY HOPE THAT IT DOES. AND REMEMBER, TEACHERS, NO MATTER WHO THEY ARE, ARE A PART OF THE HUMAN RACE, AND THEY EXIST IN A

BODY AND IN A MIND GOVERNED BY THE LAWS OF CREATION WHICH DICTATES DUALITY, THE LOWER LIGHT, AND THE LESSER LIGHT.

AND SO, REMEMBER, OUR ADVERSITIES BECOME OUR ATTACHMENTS, IT IS A SUBTLE LAW. AND THAT THAT YOU HAVE DIFFICULTY WITH IN TOLERANCE, WHEN IT IS DIFFICULT TO TOLERATE SOMETHING, LOOK AT IT FROM A DIFFERENT VIEW, AND THANK THE DIVINE IT'S DRIVING YOU EVER ONWARD, EVER UPWARD. BECAUSE, YOU SEE, SOMETHING GREATER THAN THE PRESENT SITUATION HAS VALUE TO YOU IF YOU ARE STRIVING TO SERVE GOD, THE DIVINE. THEN NO MATTER WHAT COMES AND NO MATTER WHAT GOES IN LIFE'S EXPERIENCE WILL HAVE NO IMPORT UPON YOU. IT WILL NOT BE IMPORTANT WHEN YOU ARE WORKING FOR GOD WHETHER YOU PLEASE MAN OR YOU DON'T PLEASE MAN. YOU WILL NOT HAVE ANY CONCERN WHETHER THEY LIKE YOU OR DISLIKE YOU. PRINCIPLE, MY FRIEND, IS NOT PERSONALITY. PRINCIPLE IS THAT WHICH WILL KEEP YOU IN THE LIGHT. PERSONALITY IS THAT WHICH WILL TAKE YOU INTO THE FORCES OF DARKNESS. ONE IS THE LOWER SELF -- PERSONALITY, THE OTHER IS THE HIGHER SELF CALLED PRINCIPLE. AND HE WHO RELIES ON GOD SHALL BECOME THE GOD UPON WHICH HE RELIES. I HOPE THAT HAS HELPED WITH YOUR QUESTION.

QUESTION: EARLIER THIS EVENING YOU SPOKE ABOUT WHEN A PERSON'S SUFFERING IS INTENSE ENOUGH HE CAN OR WILL CHANGE THE SITUATION. AND SAY A PERSON'S DECISION TO CHANGE, OR HIS MANNER OF CHANGING IT IS, HE DECIDES ON SUICIDE -- WOULD YOU GIVE US YOUR UNDERSTANDING OF THE SIGNIFICANCE AND THE CONSEQUENCES OF SUICIDE?

ANSWER: I'LL BE HAPPY TO SHARE WITH YOU OUR UNDERSTANDING.

QUESTION: AND, IF IT'S A PERSON'S TOTAL RESPONSIBILITY, OR IF IN PART IT CAN BE SOMEONE ELSE'S -- CAN THEY SHARE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE SUICIDE?

ANSWER: THAT DEPENDS ON THE INDIVIDUAL WHETHER OR NOT THEY OPEN THE DOOR TO THAT

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RESPONSIBILITY. NOW, IN REFERENCE TO SUICIDE, IT HAS BEEN DISCUSSED BEFORE IN THESE CLASSES. SUICIDE IS NOTHING MORE THAN RELEASING THE MENTAL, ASTRAL, AND OTHER BODIES FROM THE PHYSICAL BONDAGE, FROM THE PHYSICAL WORLD -- THAT'S ALL THAT IT IS. WHATEVER EMOTION, WHATEVER THOUGHT WAS THE CAUSE OF THE INDIVIDUAL ATTEMPTING TO TAKE THEIR LIFE, BECAUSE THEY CANNOT DO IT ANYWAY, ALL THEY DO IS CHANGE INTO ANOTHER DIMENSION, REGARDLESS OF THEIR THOUGHT. THE EXPERIENCE THAT CAUSED THEM TO ATTEMPT TO TAKE THEIR LIFE GOES WITH THEM IN MIND BECAUSE THE MIND GOES ON, AND SO DO THE EMOTIONS. NOW WHAT HAPPENS, UNFORTUNATELY, OR FORTUNATELY, AND IT VARIES WITH EACH CASE, THEY GO INTO A MENTAL WORLD WHERE THEY EXPERIENCE VISUALLY, AND AUDIBLY WITH THEIR SENSES THE CONDITION THAT THEY TRIED TO ESCAPE BECAUSE THAT IS THE LAW -- THERE IS NO ESCAPE.

AND SO IF A MAN HAS CHOSEN SUICIDE IN ORDER TO FREE HIMSELF FROM SOME TYPE OF SUFFERING, HE DOESN'T FREE HIMSELF AT ALL -- HE TAKES THE SUFFERING WITH HIM BECAUSE THE SUFFERING IS IN THE MIND -- THAT'S THE ONLY PLACE THAT IT EXISTS. NOW, LIVING IN THAT LEVEL OF CONSCIOUSNESS IN TIME, THERE ARE RESCUE WORKERS IN THOSE SPHERES THAT TRY TO HELP THEM TO FREE THAT CONDITION FROM THEIR OWN MAGNETIC FIELD, BUT THAT IS EXACTLY WHAT HAPPENS. THAT HAS BEEN MY EXPERIENCE OF OVER 35 YEARS. AND WHEN MAN AWAKENS TO THAT TRUTH, THE WORD SUICIDE WILL DISAPPEAR FROM THE ENGLISH VOCABULARY, AND WILL NO LONGER -- A THOUGHT WILL NEVER BE GIVEN TO IT. BECAUSE IT IS NOT A COP-OUT, IT IS NOT AN ESCAPE. YOU CANNOT ESCAPE THAT WHICH IS YOURS. REMEMBER, MY FRIENDS, THE LAW IS SO CLEAR -- THAT WHICH IS YOURS KNOWS YOUR FACE AND IS ALREADY ON ITS WAY TO YOUR HEART. SO, IF OUR EXPERIENCE IS DISTASTEFUL, WE ARE THE FATHER OF IT AND THAT IS OUR CHILD AND IT GOES WITH US UNTIL WE CHANGE IT. YOU CANNOT ESCAPE ANYTHING

THAT YOU SET INTO MOTION IN LIFE. THERE IS NO ESCAPE FROM IT. BUT WE HAVE CHOICE, WE CAN MAKE NEW DECISIONS THIS VERY MOMENT. WE CAN DO THAT IF WE SO DESIRE. I HOPE THAT'S HELPED WITH YOUR QUESTION.

QUESTION: MORE ON THE SAME SUBJECT, WHEN A PERSON IS REAL, REAL ILL, AND THEY ARE IN A GREAT DEAL OF PAIN, AND THEY PASS FROM THIS LEVEL TO THE NEXT, THE OTHER SIDE OF THE VEIL, WILL THEY TAKE THEIR PAIN AND SUFFERING WITH THEM?

ANSWER: THAT DEPENDS UPON THEIR ATTACHMENT TO THE CONDITION. THEY DO NOT NECESSARILY TAKE THE PAIN AND SUFFERING WITH THEM. IF THEY ARE ATTACHED TO THE PHYSICAL BODY IN WHICH THE SUFFERING IS TAKING PLACE, THEN THE PAIN GOES WITH THEM--YES, IT DOES BECAUSE IT GOES WITH THEM IN MIND. NOW, IF THEY HAVE A CONVICTION OR A BELIEF IN THEIR DEPTHS OF THEIR COMPUTER THAT WHEN THEY LEAVE THEIR PHYSICAL BODY THEY WILL BE FREE, THEN THEY WILL BE FREE. DO YOU UNDERSTAND? THIS DEPENDS ENTIRELY UPON THE INDIVIDUAL. YOU KNOW, IT'S LIKE THE PEOPLE THAT SAY, "WELL, I DON'T BELIEVE IN ANY LIFE OUTSIDE OF THIS ONE -- WHEN I'M GONE, I'M DEAD, THAT'S IT." MUTILTUDES OF PEOPLE STILL SLEEP IN THE LOWER REALMS OF CONSCIOUSNESS WAITING FOR GABRIEL TO BLOW HIS HORN. BUT THAT, OF COURSE, IS UP TO THE INDIVIDUAL. I HOPE THAT'S HELPED WITH YOUR QUESTION. YES, IT DEPENDS UPON OUR ATTACHMENT HERE, YOU SEE? IT DEPENDS UPON OUR BELIEF BECAUSE, YOU SEE, AS A MAN THINKETH IN HIS HEART SO HE BECOMETH. WHY IS IT "THINKETH IN HIS HEART?" BECAUSE THAT IS THE FEELING, THAT IS THE MAGNETIC LEVEL.

YOU KNOW, I WANT TO BRING SOMETHING UP AT THIS TIME -- I THINK IT WILL BE IMPORTANT, INTERESTING TO MY STUDENTS. FOR MANY, MANY, MANY YEARS WE HAVE TAUGHT THAT LIFE EXISTS IN THE ORGAN KNOWN AS THE HEART. AND HERE OF RECENT DATE SUPPOSEDLY THE MEDICAL PROFESSION

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HAS NOW PROVEN THAT IT EXISTS IN THE BRAIN. I WANT TO ASSURE MY STUDENTS NOT TO BE SO IMPULSIVE TO ACCEPT SOMETHING THAT HAS YET TO BE PROVEN TO YOUR WORLD. I HOPE THAT WILL HELP MY STUDENTS THAT HAVE THAT INTEREST.
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THE LIVING LIGHT PHILOSOPHY TEACHES THAT GRATITUDE IS THE LAW OF SUPPLY -- AND THE SUPPLY OF BENEFITS OF AN ORGANIZATION IS DEPENDENT UPON THE GRATITUDE FOR THEM OF ITS MEMBERS. THUS, IF THE MEMBERS OF ANY ORGANIZATION ARE GRATEFUL FOR WHAT THE ORGANIZATION IS DOING, FOR THE BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP, FOR THE GOODNESS THAT IS EXISTENT IN THE GROUP, THEN THEY ARE SUPPORTING AND GIVING BACK TO THAT GROUP, AND THE LAW OF SUPPLY GUARANTEES THAT IT WILL SUCCEED AND PROSPER. BECAUSE AN ORGANIZATION OR GROUP HAS THE POTENTIAL OF ACCOMPLISHING MUCH MORE THAN ANY SINGLE INDIVIDUAL CAN ACCOMPLISH ALONE, MEMBERS OF THE GROUP MUST RECOGNIZE THAT WITHOUT THE GROUP THEY WOULD NOT HAVE THE BENEFITS WHICH RESULT FROM THE GROUP'S EFFORTS. WHEN THERE IS GRATITUDE FOR THE BENEFITS BEING EXPRESSED BY THE MEMBERS OF A GROUP, THEN GOD IS TRULY AT WORK AND HARMONY, THE SUCCESS OF LIFE, IS MANIFEST.

Benediction

GRANT US, O GOD
THE WISDOM TO SEE
THAT OUR PROSPERITY
DEPENDS UPON
WHAT WE GIVE TO THEE.

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WILL DO. FOR ALL THINGS THAT HAPPEN TO US ARE CAUSED BY US. TO ENTERTAIN THE DELUSION THAT THE CAUSE OF ANYTHING THAT TAKES PLACE WITHIN OUR UNIVERSE IS OUTSIDE OUR UNIVERSE, THEREFORE, BEYOND OUR CONTROL, THEREFORE, WE ARE THE VICTIMS OF CIRCUMSTANCES, PLACES US STILL WAITING TO ACCEPT THE LAW OF PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY. I HOPE THAT'S HELPED WITH YOUR QUESTION.

QUESTION: IN THE LIVING LIGHT IT SPEAKS OF REFERENCE TO BEHOOVING ALL OF US TO LEARN THE ART OF GIVING. IS THERE SUCH AN ART OF GIVING IN REFERENCE TO OUR THOUGHTS? WOULD YOU SPEAK ON THAT?

ANSWER: THANK YOU. THE GREATEST GIFT WE CAN EVER GIVE IS THE SO-CALLED GIFT OF SELF, FOR IT IS THE BELIEF THAT IS THE GIFT. IT IS THAT WHICH WE HAVE CREATED. WE CREATE THE SO-CALLED SELF. WE BELIEVE IT IS BECAUSE WE HAVE OVER-IDENTIFIED WITH IT, AND THEREFORE CANNOT SEE BEYOND THE POWER, THE INTELLIGENCE THAT SUSTAINS IT. AS A DROP OF WATER MAINTAINS ITS FORM AND SHAPE ONLY WHILE IT'S A DROP, AND YET IT CONTAINS ALL THAT THE OCEAN CONTAINS. WE ARE THE DROP ONLY IN THAT WHICH WE HAVE CREATED. IF WE HAVE ATTACHED OURSELF FROM OVER-IDENTIFICATION TO THE DROP THAT WE BELIEVE THAT WE ARE, THEN WHEN WE EXPAND OUR CONSCIOUSNESS AND WE BROADEN OUR HORIZONS AND WE ONCE AGAIN RETURN TO THAT WHICH WE ARE, THE STRUGGLE, THE PAIN, THE SUFFERING OF THE THOUGHT, THE JUDGMENT, AND THE BELIEF WILL INDEED BE VERY GREAT.

I ASSURE YOU THAT THERE IS NO PAIN, THERE IS NO SUFFERING, THERE IS NO STRUGGLE TO SO-CALLED DEATH, UNLESS YOU BELIEVE YOU ARE THE FORM THAT IS RETURNING TO THE ELEMENTS FROM WHENCE IT HAS BEEN CREATED. WE CANNOT STOP EVOLUTION. WE CAN ATTEMPT, AND OFTTIMES WE DO, WE CAN ATTEMPT TO STOP IT AND PAY THE PRICE. WE ARE BECAUSE WE ARE. AND ONE MOMENT WE THINK

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WE'RE THIS WAY, ONLY THE NEXT MOMENT TO THINK WE'RE THAT WAY. AND SO THE ROLLER COASTER GOES ON AND ON AND ON AND ON AND ON. BUT EVEN THE ROLLER COASTER SERVES THE PURPOSE FOR WHENCE IT HAS BEEN DESIGNED. SOONER OR LATER WE WILL WEARY OF THAT VIBRATION. SOONER OR LATER WE WILL TIRE OF THE MULTITUDES OF THOUGHTS, BELIEFS, JUDGMENTS, PREJUDICES AND ON DOWN THE LIST OF THINGS WE HAVE CREATED IN OUR MENTAL WORLD. AND WHEN WE ARE TRULY WEARY OF ALL OF THAT, WE WILL SLOWLY BUT SURELY AWAKEN TO WHAT WE ARE, NOT WHAT WE THOUGHT WE ARE. FOR WHAT WE THINK WE ARE, WE ONLY ARE IN A WORLD THAT HAS NO ETERNITY, IN A WORLD THAT ONLY A FOOL WOULD RELY UPON. FOR WHO WOULD RELY ON THAT WHICH IS NOT TOMORROW WHAT IT IS TODAY, FOR TO DO SO CREATES WITHIN THE MENTAL REALM A CONSTANT STATE OF FRUSTRATION.

WHEN WE MAKE PEACE WITHIN OUR HOUSE OF CLAY, OUR HOUSE OF CLAY, KNOWN AS A UNITY, NO LONGER A HOUSE DIVIDED, WILL BE THE PERFECT MANIFESTATION OF THE DIVINE LAW THAT SUSTAINS IT. BE HAPPY WITH THE HOUSE, THE HOME OF YOUR SOUL THAT YOU NOW ARE AWARE OF. FOR IF YOU DO NOT SEE THE BEAUTIFUL ATTRIBUTES, AND YOUR IDENTITY, YOUR IDENTIFICATION IS ONLY WITH THAT IN YOUR LITTLE HOUSE OF CLAY THAT DOES NOT MAKE YOU HAPPY, BE REST ASSURED OUR ADVERSITIES BECOME OUR ATTACHMENTS, IT IS A SUBTLE BUT GUARANTEED LAW. WE HAVE THE LITTLE HOUSE OF OUR SOUL HERE, NOW, THAT ONLY WE HAVE EARNED. NO ONE DID IT TO US. GOD IS NOT A DOER. GOD, THE INFINITE, ETERNAL, DIVINE INTELLIGENCE IS A SUSTAINING POWER FLOWING THROUGH US.

WHEN WE ARE UNHAPPY WITH THE HOUSE IN WHICH WE RESIDE, WE ARE DENYING THE WISDOM OF INFINITE INTELLIGENCE. WE ARE UNHAPPY WITH WHAT WE HAVE DONE TO EARN THE HOUSE WE'VE EARNED. LET US NO LONGER BE SO FOOLHARDY. LET US NOT TRY TO BE IN A HOUSE THAT IS NOT OURS;

LET US MAKE FRIENDS WITH THE HOUSE IN WHICH WE LIVE. WE BEAR A GREAT RESPONSIBILITY, A RESPONSIBILITY TO THE TEMPLE OF GOD, AND THAT TEMPLE IS KNOWN AS OUR HOUSE OF CLAY, OUR HUMAN BODY. IF WE DON'T LIKE IT, BE REST ASSURED SOME DAY IN ETERNITY IT WILL BE WORSE, IF THAT'S WHAT YOU JUDGE WHAT YOU HAVE. IF YOU PLACE YOUR ATTENTION ON THE BEAUTY THAT IS THERE, AND NO HOUSE EVER CREATED DOES NOT HAVE POINTS OF BEAUTY, PUT YOUR ATTENTION ON THE GOOD, THE BEAUTIFUL, AND THE GOOD AND THE BEAUTIFUL WILL BE FROM THIS MOMENT THE LIFE YOU LIVE. THANK YOU.

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